

**DECLARATION  
Utility Application**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Passive Needle Guard for Syringes** the specification of which

(Check One)

is attached hereto OR  
 was filed on November 28, 2000 as United States Application Serial No. 09/724,657

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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Application Number(s)	Filing Date

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U.S. Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date	Status-Patented, Pending or Abandoned
09/566,224		May 5, 2000	Pending

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, I, **MARK CHRISTOPHER DOYLE**, a citizen of **UNITED STATES**, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR"), have invented and own a certain invention entitled **PASSIVE NEEDLE GUARD FOR SYRINGES** for which application for Letters Patent of the United States of America has been filed on November 28, 2000, assigned Serial No. 09/724,657; and

WHEREAS, **SAFETY SYRINGES, INC.**, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of **California** and having its principal place of business at **1925 Palomar Oaks Way, Suite 204, Carlsbad, CA 92008** (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under any Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States of America, its territorial possessions and in any and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns, transfers and sets over unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and to all Letters Patent or application or similar legal protection, not only in the United States and its territorial possessions, but in all countries foreign thereto to be obtained for said invention by said application, and to any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in the United States or a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted, including all priority rights under the International Convention; and ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent or any legal equivalent thereof to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in accordance with this Assignment.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this Agreement;

ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representative any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents in the United States or in any foreign country, which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

WITNESS my hand at San Diego CA,  
California, this 29 day of November, 2000.

Mark Christopher Doyle  
Mark Christopher Doyle

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
)  
) ss

COUNTY OF San Diego )

On November 29 2000 before me, Susan M. Hull, Notary Public personally appeared  
Mark Christopher Doyle

personally known to me - OR -  proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Notary Public in and for said County and State

POWER OF ATTORNEY  
By Assignee

Safety Syringes, Inc., assignee(s) of the application for United States Letters Patent for an improvement in

PASSIVE NEEDLE GUARD FOR SYRINGES  
by Mark Christopher Doyle

the specification of which:

is filed herewith; OR

was filed on 11/28/00 having U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/724,657

does hereby appoint as my attorneys and/or agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in countries other than the United States, and to do all things necessary or appropriate therefor before any competent International Authorities in connection with any international patent application(s) corresponding to the above-identified application, all of the registered practitioners identified by Customer Number 22249:



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I, the undersigned, declare that I have reviewed copies of the documentary evidence establishing chain of title to the patent application identified above from the inventor(s) to the assignee(s), which:

is filed for recordation herewith; or

was recorded at Reel       , Frame       ; or

has been sent for recordation under separate cover, copy attached herewith.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee(s) identified above. Furthermore, the undersigned is empowered to sign this document on behalf of the assignee(s).

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